

The Daily Courant.

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TH E second Point to be discussed, relates to the Troops in Flanders; concerning which, 'tis laid to the Charge of this State, that the first Proportion of Three to Two, agreed upon between King William of glorious Memory, and this State, has not been observed by the States-General: that this State has furnished 20837 Men less than their Quota; and has not performed the Condition for prohibiting Commerce and Correspondence with France, on which the Troops of Augmentation in the Year 1703 were granted. For clearing this Point, it will not be unserviceable to subjoin to this Memorial the Estimate (marked Numb. 2.) of the Forces as well of the Queen, as of the States-General, which was laid before the Lower House, and upon which doubtless the Resolutions or Votes of that House, in this Respect, were passed.

In the first place, it must not be omitted to observe on the said Estimate, that in the general Charge for the Year 1701, the 44992 Men which the united Netherlands kept up after the Peace of Ryswick, are mixed with the 34866 Men which were taken into Service immediately after the Death of Charles the 2d King of Spain; and that for the Year 1702, not only the Troops which this State took into Service that Year, but those hired the Beginning of the foregoing Year, are reckoned all together; which, if put down more distinctly, would have shewn, that this State had reinforced their Troops with above 50000 Men, a considerable Time before Great Britain came to make any particular Augmentation; which earlier Arming, to the excessive Expence of this State, well deserved to be allowed for by some kind of Compensation.

'Twill not be further necessary, to spend time in shewing some particular Errors that are in the fore-said Estimate; but passing them by, it shall suffice to prove, that the Estimate delivered into the Lower House, does by no Means make out, what 'tis intended to make out, namely, that the States General have furnished 20837 Men too few, or Great Britain 13892 too many, to the War in the Netherlands: Which certainly is a strange Conclusion, formed upon an Estimate that clearly and plainly shews, that the United Netherlands, tho' much inferior in Strength to Great Britain, have yet furnished and maintained in the Netherlands, from the Beginning of the War to this Day, not only as many Troops as Great Britain, but beyond Comparison more: However, to form this Conclusion, the two following Positions were laid down.

First, that this State obliged it self in the Beginning of the War, to bring into the Field in the Netherlands 60000 Men, to 40000 Men on the Part of Great Britain; and over and above, to maintain 42000 Men in the Garrisons.

And secondly, that this State is obliged, according to the fore-said Proportion of 60 to 40, or of 3 to 2, to contribute to the Charge of the Troops, which have since been taken into Service by Great Britain and this State.

From what is inserted in the forementioned Estimate of the Troops in the Netherlands, it does not appear how the second Position can be pretended to be made out: But the first, is in the said Estimate of Troops founded upon a verbal Message, which the late King of Great Britain, of glorious Memory, caused to be delivered in the Year 1702 to the Parliament, by Mr. Vernon Secretary of State, and the Address of the Lower House supposes that an Agreement was actually made upon that Foot; and 'tis likely, the second Position is drawn as a Consequence from the first.

It cannot but seem strange, that no Scruple should be made to lay so considerable a Matter to the Charge of the States, without first hearing them, and without any other Foundation than a verbal Message, or an Agreement, that is supposed, but not proved, to have been concluded; when on the contrary, 'tis just before owned it could not be found, that such an Agreement

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or Convention was ratified. This State was obliged to be content with Great Britain's furnishing in the Beginning of the War no more than forty thousand Men in the Netherlands, in so great a Disproportion with respect to this State; not because there was any Convention or Agreement made about it, or that it was at all reasonable, but because no more was consented to by the Parliament, the Reasons of which are probably fresh still in the Remembrance of many; and at that Time the only Course this State could take, was to burthen it self with so great a Disproportion, and to wait till in the Continuance of the War it should be made good to them. But to let this lye, and to demonstrate how groundless the fore-said two Positions are, the States rest fully assured, that it can never be proved that they have obliged themselves to maintain the forementioned sixty and forty thousand Men, much less that they have ever owned (which yet is the Point properly in Question) that Great Britain would sufficiently discharge it self by furnishing no more than 40000 Men, and especially that it cannot be proved that this State has subjected it self to the Proportion of 60000 to 40000 or of 3 to 2, in the maintaining of Troops, which in the Course of the War might be found necessary to be taken into Service for augmenting the Army in the Netherlands.

Nor indeed was there the least Reason for all this: For Great Britain and this State were equally obliged, according to the sixth Article of the Treaty of the 3d of March 1678, and according to the 7th Article of that of the 11th of November 1701, to employ in each others Assistance, *toute leur puissance, et toutes leurs forces, par Mer et par Terre*, and according to the 4th Article of the Grand Alliance, to stand by each other with all their Power, *omnibus viribus*: Great Britain was incomparably then, as now, more powerful than this State, and could not in the Beginning of this War, when Portugal and Savoy were not come into the Grand Alliance, make good in Spain and in Italy, as she has done since, her Deficiency in the Netherlands; and consequently, Great Britain, to perform the fore-said sixth Article of the Treaty of the 3d of March 1678, the 7th Article of the Treaty of the 11th of November 1701, and the 4th Article of the Grand Alliance, ought necessarily to maintain a greater Number of Troops than this State in the Netherlands, the only Part where both in the Beginning of the War brought an Army into the Field.

And particularly, if the same Proportion were observed by Land as at Sea, which is five to three; a Proportion, which is actually observed in the Estimates of the mutual Succours, stipulated in the forementioned Treaty of the 3d of March 1678 by the first separate Article, Great Britain would be obliged to furnish one hundred and seventy thousand Men, against the hundred and two thousand, which 'tis pretended this State undertook to furnish to the Army and to the Garrisons, including in those 170000 the Guards and Garrisons at home; or at least 100000 Men, against the 60000, which alone 'tis pretended ought to be reckoned in computing the Proportion, tho' very erroneously, as shall presently be shewn.

But if the Proportion of two thirds to one third were to be observed, which during the War has in several other Occasions been done, then should England have brought into the Field 120000 Men, against the fore-said 60000; or rather 204000, against the fore-said 102000, including likewise the Guards and Garrisons at home in the 204000, but not in the 120000.

If it should be computed, not how many more Troops Great Britain was obliged to furnish to the War in the Netherlands, in Proportion to what this State furnished to it, but how many fewer Troops this State might have furnished in Proportion to what Great Britain did; this State would have discharged it self in the Beginning of the War, according to the first Rule of Proportion, by furnishing 24000 Men, and according

according to the second by furnishing 2000, against the 4000 furnished by Great Britain: Whereas this State, according to what is set down in the foresaid Estimate or List of Troops, did in the first Year furnish, not barely 6000, but 6824 Men, besides 4200 in Garrisons. From which 'tis superabundantly manifest, that this State has had no Cause to subject it self to so unreasonable a Proportion, or to be content with it.

Then supposing it were granted that this State, notwithstanding the foresaid enormous Disproportion, had engaged in the Beginning of the War (as is pretended) to furnish in the Netherlands 6000 Men to the Army, and 4200 Men to the Garrisons, against 4000 furnished by Great Britain; yet 'wou'd it not by any Means follow, that the State ought to subject it self to the like Disproportion, with respect to the Troops which Great Britain and this State have since judged necessary to take into Service, to carry on the War in the Netherlands with the greater Vigour?

But on the other Hand, the forementioned enormous Disproportion, and the Willingness which this State shewed in the Beginning, to set a good Example to others, ought to be the stronger Inducement to Great Britain, in the Course of the War, as new Efforts might be requisite to be made, to take the Burthen of them on it self, whether those Efforts were proper to be made in the Netherlands, or in other Parts, till the said Disproportion were thereby in some Measure balanced and evened.

And altho' Great Britain could not be prevailed with, in the second Year of the War, when 'twas judged necessary to augment the Army in the Netherlands with 2000 Men, to take upon her self the whole Charge of them, as from what has been said is evident she might well have thought her self obliged to do; yet Great Britain, neither then, nor since, has ever pretended that this State was obliged to bear more than the Half of that Charge.

Further, it deserves special Remark, that a Distinction is made between the 6000 Men, which 'tis pretended this State engaged to furnish to the Army, and the 4200 for the Garrisons; and that the 6000 Men only are allowed in the Computation of the Proportion between Great-Britain and this State; as if the 4200 Men were a private Account, that could not be brought into the Computation of the Charge of the War.

But what is yet harder to reconcile to Reason and Equity, is, that this State, which in the beginning of the War was blocked up by the Troops of France, and which for that, and for no other Reason, had need of 4200 Men to garrison its Frontiers, as is specified in the foresaid Estimate, while Great-Britain, because of its happy Situation, could secure it self with an incomparably less Number of Forces, shall not be allowed to bring to Account those 4200 Men against Great-Britain, if not all of them, at least so many as exceed the Number of Forces which Great-Britain kept up in its own Dominions. If two Allies, of like Ability, mutually oblige themselves to carry on a War with all their Power, *omnibus viribus*, and one of the two has Need (for Instance) of 2000 Men more than the other for garrisoning his Frontiers, is it reasonable, or possible, that both should bring an equal Number of Troops into the Field? How much less then, can this be required, when He of the two, who is supposed to have Need of 2000 of his Men, is of much less Power than the other?

Supposing again, that the Garrisons can neither in whole nor in part, be brought into Account against Great Britain, 'tis a great Mistake, that this State in any Year of the War employed 4200 Men to garrison their Frontiers. 'Tis true, that the List of the Garrisons which is made out Yearly, before the Army takes the Field, does, some Years amount to about 4000 Men; but 'tis sufficiently known, that Year after Year, when the Army was once formed, immediately part of the Garrisons of the Places which were covered by the Army, were drawn out to it; that the rest, all but a few Regiments, have been constantly obliged to hold themselves in Readiness, to take the Field on the first Order, to change with those Regiments which might happen to suffer in Battles or in Sieges, as such Changes have been practised almost every Year: 'Tis also as well known, that on those Occasions the States have, besides the ordinary Pay, paid not only Waggon-Money, but Recruit-Money, to great Part of the Regiments which have remained in Garrison.

That till the Year 1706, or till the Reduction of Brabant and Flanders, a flying Army was formed Yearly out of the Garrisons of Dutch-Flanders, which till the said Year 1706 made a full third Part of the whole Number of the Garrisons; by which the Enemy were obliged to maintain a much greater Number of Troops in the Country of Waes, and along the Canal of Bruges.

And that this State, since the Year 1706, far from 4200 Men, has not employed the third Part of that Number to garrison their Frontiers, and has let all the rest act in the Netherlands; whereby she has been liable to more than one Invasion, which the Enemy durst not have attempted, had the Frontiers been better garrisoned.

'Tis true, Part of the Troops of this State have been put into the Spanish Towns; but 'tis undeniable, that the Queen's Troops have as well been employed for those Garrisons, and are now, as those of this State. And if after the taking of Ljle, Tournay, and other conquered Places in French Flanders, and Artois, some more Troops have been employed to garrison them, the Spanish Netherlands; which are thereby covered do now require only such moderate Garrisons, that 'tis a great Mistake to pretend the Army is weakened by the garrisoning of Conquests; and that at this time above 4000 Men are employed in Garrisons; not to urge, that the Enemy is obliged, since the Reduction of those Places, to keep much more numerous Garrisons on their Frontiers, quite up to the Somme, than before.

From all this 'tis not difficult to judge, which of the two is in the Right, those who directly against the Treaties of the 3d of March 1678, of the 11th of November 1701, and against the Grand Alliance, against all Reason and Equity, and against the received Proportion, only on the Foundation of a verbal Message to the Parliament; without the Knowledge or Participation of this State, and who at most can make out, but Part of what they undertake to deduce therefrom, maintain, that Great Britain has furnished thirteen thousand eight hundred and ninety two Men over of this State twenty thousand eight hundred thirty seven short, to the War in the Netherlands. Or they on the contrary, who grounding their Assertion on the plain Letter of the foresaid three Treaties, on the most manifest and incontestable Difference between the Power of Great Britain and of this State, and on the received Proportion, maintain that Great Britain has not furnished to the War in the Netherlands, half the Troops it ought to have furnished there in Proportion to this State, even though it should be allowed, which however for the forementioned Reasons can by no Means be allowed, that the 4200 Men which 'tis erroneously pretended serve in the Garrisons, ought not to be brought into the Computation.

And who in Consequence affirm, that tho' Great Britain has made much greater Efforts out of the Netherlands, namely by Sea, in Portugal, Spain, and Italy, than the States General; these however cannot be charged by Great Britain, with not having performed their Engagements, as long as Great Britain does not make appear, that those greater Efforts out of the Netherlands do considerably exceed its Deficiency in them.

And whereas the Earl of Strafford, Ambassador extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of her Majesty of Great Britain, has notified, that her Majesty expects, that with respect to the Troops taken into Service in the Netherlands since the Year 1703, this State, in Consideration of the 15178 Men now paid by her Majesty, should supply what is wanting of their Contingent in Proportion to three-fifths against them, or that her Majesty will lessen the foresaid 15178 Men in Proportion to three-fifths against the Troops of this State; it can't be unserviceable, for the better understanding of this, to subjoin the following Account, shewing how the Case stands as to those Troops.

The Troops in the Pay of Great Britain,
which serve in the Netherlands, amount,
according to the List laid before the Par-
liament in 1712, to —————— 65197
To be deducted, one Battalion of Pal-
tines, inserted in the List under the
Year 1702, which never served in the
Netherlands, —————— 600

The Troops in the Pay of the Uni-
ted Netherlands, which serve in
the Netherlands, amount, accord-
ing to the foresaid List, to —————— 122458
But under the Year 1701, too many
are reckoned, by —————— 1949

Per Contrac, under the Year 1702,
too few are reckoned, by —————— 1092
Under the Year 1706, too many
are deducted for the Troops
for Italy, by —————— 1538

————— 2630 —————— 123139
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The Troops of Great Britain and of this State amount together to	187736
According to what is pretended by Great Britain, this State engaged in the Beginning of the War to furnish	102000
Great Britain	40000
In the Year 1703,	
Great Britain	10000
This State	10000
Since the Year 1703, Great Britain and this State took into Service 25736 Men, of which this State, as is pretended by Great Britain, ought to pay three Fifths, or	15442
Great Britain two Fifths, or	10294
60294	127442
Great Britain pays in all, as above, 64597	
Ergs too much by	4303
This State pays in all, as above,	123139
Ergs too little by	4303

By this Account it appears, first, that Great-Britain has furnished 14597 Men, above the first 40000 and 10000, and not 15178 as is pretended; and secondly, That supposing the erroneous Positions of Great-Britain to be right, namely, that this State in the Beginning of the War engaged to furnish to the War in the Netherlands 102000 Men, against 40000 furnished by Great-Britain; that Great-Britain by furnishing 40000 Men has fully performed the Treaties; and that this State ought to pay three fifths of the Troops which have been taken into Service since the Year 1703; and Great-Britain but two fifths; yet then the Disproportion would amount to no more than 4303 Men.

But in Ballance to this, no Regard is had, first, That this State took into Service above 50000 Men a considerable time before Great Britain made any Augmentation; and secondly, that this State, according to the foreaid List, paid some Years together 8242 Gulders, or (the Errors in the List being corrected,) 7385 Men, above the 102000 which 'tis erroneously pretended this State ought to furnish for its Contingent, and above its Half of the 20000 Men taken into Service in the Year 1703. Which two Articles do so far over-ballance the small Disproportion that may have been these last Years, in case the aforementioned Positions were well-grounded, as they are not in any wise, that at the Bottom the pretended Disproportion does not deserve the Least Reflection.

All this must be more than sufficient to remove what by the foresaid Resolutions or Votes and the Address of the Lower House is laid to the Charge of this State upon this Head; there remains only the Censure, that the Condition for prohibiting Commerce upon which the Augmentation of 20000 Men in 1703 was granted, has not been kept by this State; but to remove this Objection clear out of the Way likewise, be it observed, That before it can be affirmeded that this State has failed to perform that Condition, it must be proved that this State accepted that Condition, which it can never be proved to have done longer than for the Term of one Year, as the Agreement of the 11th of April 1703 entered into on Occasion of the said Prohibition, testifies: At that time this State, notwithstanding a great Number of Difficulties which this State found in such a Prohibition, and which could have no Place in England, because before the War Commerce with France was there sufficiently broken off and prohibited, consented however to make that Prohibition, for a Tryal during one Year, not as a Condition to which the Augmentation of the Troops was tacked, but out of Deference and Respect for the Sentiments of her Majesty, who had caused Instances to be made on that Subject. That during the said Year the foresaid Prohibition was exactly observed by the States, but that after the Expiration of that Term they were no longer bound to observe it, and at its Expiration they gave Reasons to her Majesty why they could not prolong it, with such Effect, that they were acquiesced with, and since that Time this State has been no more pressed about it, the Augmentation of 20000 Men being from Year to Year continued, and the Sums for that Augmentation consented to by the lower House, without any Mention made of the foresaid Condition. So that certainly it must be thought very strange, that now, after the Course of so many Years, this Matter should be revived again, and this State be charged with not having performed a Condition, which they never took upon them for more than one Year, and consequently could not be bound by it longer.

[The further Continuation of this Piece shall be found in our next.]

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